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FOLK-LORE SCRAP-BOOK.

GYPSY QUEEN IN AMERICA.—From the “Notes and Queries” of the *Journal of the Gypsy-Lore Society*, No. 3, we take the following paragraph, which it is natural to regard with a certain scepticism. There is a field for studies of gypsy life in America, and this journal will be glad to receive and print notes of such studies. Probably every gypsy family could furnish something of interest.

“One of the most picturesque ceremonies of gypsy life has just taken place near Dayton, Ohio. This ceremony consisted of the coronation of Matilda II. as Queen of the American Gypsies. The gypsies in this country, says a telegraph correspondent, have been controlled for many years by four families, the Stanleys, Coopers, Harrisons, and Jeffreys. These families came here from England in 1859. Stanley, known as Sugar Stanley, the principal member of the first-mentioned family, was made king of all the tribes. At his death his daughter Hagar became queen. Dying in 1874, she was succeeded by her sister, who was proclaimed Matilda I., but she only lived to reign six years. The succession fell to Jeannette, granddaughter of King Sugar, who is succeeded by Matilda, another granddaughter of King Sugar Stanley, whose succession is now being celebrated. She is only seventeen years old, is 5 feet 7 inches in height, has a graceful figure, and is a very interesting personage. At her coronation she wore a red silk dress; her hair hung down loosely behind, gathered in the centre with a crimson ribbon, which set off her dark brown hair. Queen Matilda is the absolute ruler of all the Romany tribes in America; her decrees must **absolutely be obeyed** without question.”—*Ayrshire Argus*, 2d Nov., 1888.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.—According to appointment of the council, the annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society will take place at Philadelphia, on the Friday following Thanksgiving day. By the kind invitation of the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, the meeting will be held at the University. There will be a morning and an afternoon session; if the Society should see fit, the meeting may be continued on Saturday.

On the same days the College Association of the Middle States will meet at the University. At the evening session the presidential address will be delivered by Provost Pepper. By courtesy of the authorities of the University, the members of the American Folk-Lore Society are invited to be present at the evening session.

During the two sessions of the American Folk-Lore Society on Friday papers will be read. Those members who intend to present papers are requested to send abstracts, together with a statement of the length of the